THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) (a) and (b) The terms of reference to the Tenth Finance Commission were drawn up taking into account the suggestions made by a Study Group constituted for the purpose and which included officers of the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal as Members. A Copy of the Notification constituting the Tenth Finance Commission and containing the Terms of Reference was laid on the table of Rajya Sabha on 8th July, 1992.

Inspection of Export Firms by Export Inspection Council

*288. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of export firms inspected by the Export Inspection Council during the current year upto 30th June, 1992;

(b) the total number of such export firms against which complaints were received and which have been black-listed by the Council so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to take action against the black-listed firms, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Five Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) have been set up under the administrative and technical control of the Export Inspection Council (EIC) for quality control and preshipment inspection of commodities notified by the Government under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963. During the current financial year upto 30-6-1992, the EIAs have inspected 187 firms in connection with quality control and pre-shipment inspection.

(b) Only one complaint on quality was received against such export firms during this period and none was blacklisted.

(c) Does not arise.

Telecommunication Facilities at Madhavpur, Gujarat

*289. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of telecommunication facilities at Madhavpur, in District Junagadh, Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details there of; and

(c) by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) and (c) (1) A 128 Port C-DOT Exchange having capacity of 88 lines was commissioned at Madhavpur on 17.10.1991. All the 71 waiting applicants have been provided telephone facility. There is no waiting list at present.

(2) One public telephone is also provided in the post office at Madhavpur.

(3) Telegraph service on phonocom basis is also available here.

(4) A suitable transmission medium required for providing STD facility